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SUBJECT: LEAP DAL REFUGEES REJECT THAI AMNESTY OFFER

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 6226 B. STATE 211061

1. REPRESENTATIVES TAY AND SINGH OF ASIAN CONFERENCE OF RELIGION
AND PEACE (ACRP), VISITED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 8 IN APPEAL TO GAIN U.S.G.

ACCEPTANCE OF LEAP DAL REFUGEES.

2. THEIR PITCH WAS THE SAME AS SUGGESTED BY UNHCR REP. SAMPTKUMAR
(REF A) THAT THE PROBLEM WAS A U.S. RESPONSIBILITY. THEY PRESENTED
ANOTHER "BOAT PEOPLE" LETTER, ENTITLED THE "LAST DITCH", WHICH
ERRONEOUSLY STATED THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE THAI AND U.S.G. WAS
MADE FOR THE REFUGEES TO FLY TO BANGKOK FOR INCLUSION IN THE PAROLE
PROGRAM FOR 8000.

3. THEY WERE INFORMED BY CONOFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B THAT THE
PROBLEM WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE
REFUGEES, THE UNHCR AND THEIR OWN GOOD OFFICES.

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4. ALTHOUGH, TAY AND SINGH ARE APPARENTLY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
ADVERSE PUBLICITY FOR THE ACRP, THEIR EFFORTS TO DATE TO ENCOURAGE
THE REFUGEES TO LEAVE HAVE BEEN TO SUSPEND FOOD SHIPMENTS TO THE
SHIP FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS, A REQUEST TO THE GOM TO TOW THE
VESSEL OUT TO SEA WHICH WAS REFUSED, AND A CALL AT THE THAI
EMBASSY SINGAPORRE TO REQUEST THW REFUGEES BE ASSURED THEY WILL

BE WELCOME IN THAILAND.

5. THEY FURTHER DESCRIBED THE WORSENING CONDITION OF THE LEAP DAL AND DRAMATIZED THE SITUATION ABOARD AS SPARKING SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

AMONG THE REFUGEES WHO MAY DECIDE TO TAKE THEIR OWN LIVES IN PROTEST IF NOT ACCEPTED BY THE U.S.

6. IN RESPONSE TO THE ACRP REQUEST THE THAI AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE PHONED AMBASSADOR MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 9 TO SAY HE HAD CONVEYED ASSURANCES TO LEAP DAL REFUGEES THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE PROSECUTED BY RTG IF THEY RETURNED TO THAILAND. HE HAD VERIFIED THIS BY CHECKING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY IN BANGKOK. ACCORDING TO THAI AMBASSADOR, REFUGEES HAD DISMISSED THESE ASSURANCES, SAYING THEY WOULD REFUSE TO MOVE UNTIL THEY HAD ASSURANCES THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO U.S. THAI AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD THAT WE COULD OFFER NO SUCH ASSURANCES, AND THAT LEAP DAL REFUGEES COULD BE GIVEN NO PREFERENCE OVER OTHER REFUGEES UPON THEIR RETURN TO CAMP IN THAILAND.
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